

March 28, 2002

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Mr. William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW – Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice – Consolidated Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control, CS Docket No. 01-348

Dear Mr. Caton:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206,¹ EchoStar Communications Corporation submits this letter to report that, on March 27, 2002, David R. Goodfriend and the undersigned, representatives of EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), and Gary M. Epstein, James H. Barker, Alexander Hoehn-Saric and Bart Epstein, counsel for General Motors Corporation ("General Motors") and Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes"), had a telephone conversation with:

Marcia Glauberman (Cable Services Bureau),
Barbara Esbin (Cable Services Bureau),
Joel Rabinovitz (Office of General Counsel),
Jim Bird (Office of General Counsel),
Neil Dellar (Office of General Counsel).

At the meeting, EchoStar, General Motors and Hughes, Applicants in the above-captioned proceeding, discussed their responses to the Commission's February 4, 2002 requests for additional information and documents. The Applicants stated that they are in the process of reviewing certain documents filed with the Department of Justice in order to identify materials for protective order treatment. The Applicants agreed that they

¹ This letter is submitted without prejudice to the Applicants' position that the subject matter of this conversation is not within the scope of the ex parte rules.

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will describe the proprietary nature of certain granular subscriber count information submitted to the Department of Justice, and that they will explore the question of what Commission safeguards beyond the existing protective order could alleviate the confidentiality concerns associated with that information. The Applicants also agreed that they will endeavor to identify and provide certain information used by Professor Robert D. Willig.

One copy of this notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions concerning this meeting or this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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